

(b) whether, in any case, their juniors have been promoted in preference to them; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) is in the affirmative, for what reasons or grounds?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) In view of the answer to part (b), this does not arise.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): May I know from the member the probable date on which the question of scarcity of water was brought to the notice of Government?

**PRESIDENT**. What are you at?

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): I beg your pardon; I thought we were at the former question.

**PRESIDENT**: That is why I asked. Question 65 does not carry any water.

*Water-supply at Nagercoil.*

66. \***MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any proposals for the removal of the water scarcity in the Nagercoil Municipality?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): The matter is under consideration.

**MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): May I know from the member how long it will be under the consideration of Government?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): It has been under consideration for some time; a report has been sent to Government some months ago.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether the question of water-supply to the Nagercoil town was under the consideration for a number of years?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): I believe so.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know from the member for how many years it was under consideration?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): I am afraid I must ask for notice for that.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): May I know whether this question was under the consideration of the previous Chief Engineers also?

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): May I know whether they had arrived at a decision in regard to the question.

**MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT** (*Chief Engineer*): I have sent my report to Government.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I take it that the question is not under the consideration of the Chief Engineer but that it is under the consideration of Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is under the consideration of Government.

*The Pathiyoor boad.*

67. \*MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they are aware of the existence of a road called the Pathiyoor road which connects the Kayankulam-Thattarampalam road and the Quilon-Alleppey road;

(b) who is in charge of this road;

(c) whether any portion of this road is metalled; and

(d) what would be the cost of constructing this road in full?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (a) Yes.

(b) The P. W. D.

(c) No.

(d) About Rs. 19,535, excluding the cost of constructing a bridge at Mundupalam which will come to about Rs. 4,060.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): The answer to the question whether it is metalled is in the negative. I wish to know whether any portion is gravelled.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not think any portion is metalled or gravelled.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): May I know from the member whether there is a bridge at Mundupalam on the road referred to in part (b) of the question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I cannot find in my plan that there is one.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): If there is no bridge there, how is the traffic across the canal to be conducted?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is a bridge, the Pathiyur bridge, across the canal.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): The member said that there was no bridge across the canal.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I only said that there was no bridge at Mundupalam.

MR. V. RAMAKRISHNA PANICKAR (*Kartikapalli II*): If there is no bridge there, how is the traffic across the canal to be conducted?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have already stated that there is a bridge across the canal, though not at Mundupalam, at Pathiyur.

PRESIDENT: Shall we leave it at that?